

Specification Amendments

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, line 2, insert:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR
DEVELOPMENT

Not Applicable

THE NAMES OF THE PARTIES TO A JOINT RESEARCH AGREEMENT

Not Applicable

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

(1) Field of the Invention

On page 1, between lines 6 and 7, insert:

(2) Description of Related Art

On page 2, before the paragraph beginning on line 30, insert:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 3, before the paragraph beginning on line 15, insert

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 3, before the paragraph beginning on line 25, insert:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

On page 3, line 1, change ABSTRACT to ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

On page 1, line 34, please amend the paragraph as follows:

A second kind of drawback comes from the calcareous encrustations, especially on the hot water side, which may jeopardize the correct operation of the device. This problem stems from the fact that the slider travel is of a few tenths of a millimeter (usually max. ~~0,6 mm~~ 0.6 mm), therefore even small-size impurities may prove detrimental.